

## DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

I, Mario C. Piraino, hereby declare and say that:

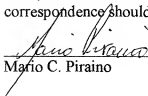
1. I verily believe that I am the original, first, and sole inventor of the subject matter that is described and claimed in a patent application that is entitled "Adjustable Support Means for a Bed," that was assigned Ser. No. 10/573,004, and the specification of which was filed with the USPTO on August 24, 2006.
2. I hereby state that my residence, post office address, and citizenship are: 5 Nolan Close, East Doncaster, Victoria 3109 Australia.
3. I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims.
4. I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119 of PCT/AU2003/001274, filed September 26, 2003.
6. We acknowledge the duty to disclose information known to be material to patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a).
7. We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

### Power of Attorney

We hereby appoint the attorneys associated with Customer Number **24628**, of the law firm of Welsh & Katz, Ltd., with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

### Correspondence Address

The address associated with Customer Number **24628** (Welsh & Katz, Ltd., telephone 312-655-1500, facsimile 312-655-1501) should be used for all correspondence in this application. All such correspondence should be directed to Jeffrey W. Salmon, who is a principal of Welsh & Katz, Ltd.

  
Mario C. Piraino

  
Date